

COUNTRY LIVES THROUGH ITS MOTHERHOOD IDEAL, SAYS JUDGE NEWCOMER

"The civilization of a country, which is a thing that makes it great, depends upon the high ideals of motherhood its people hold, and our country will remain great so long as it continues to demand a high ideal of motherhood."

Judge John R. Newcomer, who presides over the court of domestic relations, into which delinquent girls are frequently brought for trial, made this answer to a Day Book reporter, when asked his opinion of the Portland, Ore., jury that found Mrs. William Hodge guilty of contributing to the delinquency of her 15-year-old daughter, for whom she prayed every night, but did not otherwise properly safeguard.

"I have not hesitated, in some cases that have come before me, to hold a mother was guilty of contributing to the delinquency of her daughter when she neglected her child," he said, "or, as in the case of the mother who locked her daughter out of the house because she stayed out late and the girl found shelter in a hotel with a man."

"Praying for a girl's safety and doing nothing else to insure it makes a mother as guilty of neglect as though she had not prayed at all. The scripture tells us that prayer without works is worthless."

"There are certain parental responsibilities placed upon the mother and the sins of omission may be as great as the sins of commission."

"It is the mother's duty, in the first place, to tell her daughter enough about moral questions that the girl may be able to protect herself, at least. Then it is the mother's duty in every possible way, by using all sorts of restraining influence, to teach her daughter not only the right, but the safe path she should tread. We ought to try to make mothers understand that fact."

"After all, reforms—and many of

us are in the habit of talking reform—all reforms are primarily based upon the way we treat motherhood. If we do not elevate and build up motherhood, there is not much chance for us to do any other sort of reforming."

"Some time ago I listened to Dr. Bucksh, a native of India, and whose parents were, of course, full-blooded Indians, but were Christian people, as he is a Christian, deliver a lecture on India."

"After he was through lecturing I said to him: 'It has always been a mystery to me why India, which had a civilization 2,000 years before we were even born, went down to the very brink of hell, where she is now, apparently, and we are sending missionaries there for the purpose of starting her up again. What is your solution as to why India, with her civilization 2,000 years before we were born, should have gone so low?'"

"Without a moment's hesitation he replied: 'The primary cause was child marriage, or the degradation of motherhood.'"

"I have no doubt that is true. And if it be true, we—the greatest nation on earth, as we are in the habit of calling ourselves—are great because we have attempted to do something for motherhood, and I think our future civilization will depend largely upon the way we treat motherhood, and our country will only remain great so long as our people continue to demand a high ideal of motherhood."

KILLS SELF IN JACKSON PARK

Sorrow of world weighed so heavily on J. Howard Moore, 45, a high school teacher, that he shot and killed himself at a little wooded island in Jackson park today, leaving a note attributing his suicide to "inability to stand sufferings of poor people any longer."